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From: David E. Janssen
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**TOPANGA FIRES STATUS REPORT AS OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER. 30, 2005
(3:00 P.M.)**

The Los Angeles County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) activated on Wednesday, September 28, at 4:30 p.m. in response to fires in and around the communities and cities of Hidden Hills, Chatsworth, Los Angeles and unincorporated Los Angeles County. County departments that reported to the CEOC, or activated in their own department operation centers include Animal Control, CAO Office of Emergency Management, Public Social Services, Fire, Health Services, Sheriff, Probation, and Public Works.

Yesterday, I signed a proclamation of a local emergency covering all of Los Angeles County. The City of Hidden Hills proclaimed a state of local emergency.

Call 2-1-1 has public information about shelters and available County services.

STATUS OF THE FIRE (from County Fire Report)

Latest reports indicate that over 20,655 acres of medium and heavy brush have now burned within several communities in the Chatsworth area near the border of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties; containment is now at 20 percent. At this time, 2,000 homes, 50 commercial properties and 100 outbuildings are in areas of concern around Oak Park, Bell Canyon, Box Canyon, Woolsey Canyon, Lake Manor, Malibu Canyon, Mountain View Estates and Kanan Road in Agoura. This morning, the temperatures are a little cooler yet humidity remains low; fire behavior may still be extreme and erratic in some areas. More than 3,000 firefighters remain on scene,

supported by multiple helicopters, hand crews and dozers. Structure loss remains at one home, three outbuildings and one detached garage.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Below are reports of activities of other County departments.

Animal Control

Animal Care & Control reports that they are currently releasing animals to their owners from the Pierce College location; their Department Operations Center in Agoura closed at 12:00pm today.

Health Services (DHS)

The department has prepared and released public advisories about school activities and smoke and air pollution impacts of the fires.

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

County DMH has been working with the American Red Cross to provide mental health personnel in evacuation shelters as needed. DMH continues to monitor the situation and has placed Emergency Outreach Bureau staff on stand-by.

Probation

The Probation Department has three camps in the vicinity of the fires, Camp David Gonzales, Camp Vernon Kilpatrick, and Camp Fred Patrick. Camp David Gonzales is closest to the affected area, but all three camps are on alert and have been asked to stage pre-evacuation activities. If evacuation of the camps is required, busses will be dispatched and residents will be re-located to Sylmar, Los Padrinis, or Central Juvenile Hall. The total population of the three camps is 300 minors and 75 staff.

Public Social Services (DPSS)

DPSS has been coordinating with the American Red Cross (ARC) to establish two shelters in Los Angeles County, located at Birmingham High School in Van Nuys and Canoga Park Senior High School in Canoga Park. Seven ARC trained DPSS staff assisted in shelter operations. DPSS continues to monitor the need to open additional shelters or provide staffing. At this time, there is no need for additional shelters or staff.

Sheriff

The Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with the assisting agencies, continues to provide security in the evacuated areas. The Sheriff's Department Operations Center (DOC) remains activated and continues to monitor the situation and deploy personnel as needed. They are also conducting arson patrols in the affected areas. Public Information Officers from the Sheriff's Department and County Fire continue to work on a unified message for the public.

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If you have any questions regarding this report or require further information, please contact me or Michael Brooks at (323) 980-2254.

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